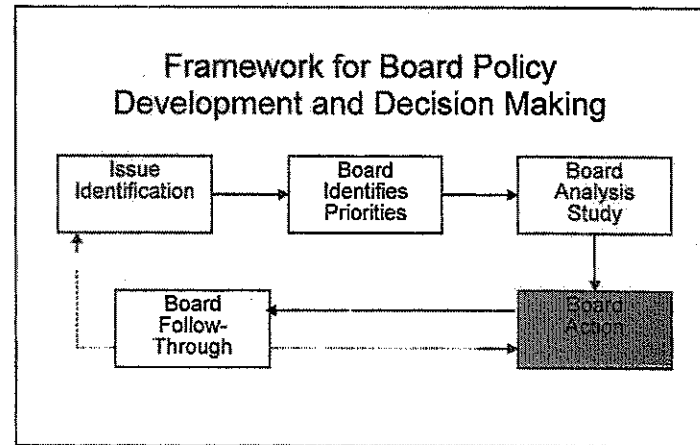


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

July 31, 2008



- Agenda Item:** Chapter 84 rules, National Board Certification (Notice)
- Iowa Goal:** (2) All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.
- Equity Impact Statement:** All licensed Iowa school teachers are potentially impacted by these rules.
- Presenter:** None (Consent)
- Attachments:** 1
- Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve and give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 84, National Board Certification.
- Background:** 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7, phased out the financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified by the national board for professional teaching standards. A teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007 to qualify for the reimbursement award under rule 84.3. In addition, a teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007 and achieved certification within the timelines and policies established by the national board to be eligible for the annual award under rule 84.4.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

**Notice of Intended Action**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 84, "Financial Incentives for National Board Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7, phased out financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified in the future by the national board for professional teaching standards. A teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007 to qualify for the reimbursement award under rule 84.3. In addition, a teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007 and have achieved certification within the timelines and policies established by the national board to be eligible for the annual award under rule 84.4.

An agency-wide waiver provision is provided in 281—chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before September 16, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK – 12 Education, Iowa Department of Education, third floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-3333; E-mail [kevin.fangman@iowa.gov](mailto:kevin.fangman@iowa.gov); or fax (515)242-6025.

These amendments are intended to implement 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7.

The following amendments are proposed.

**ITEM 1.** Amend rule **281—84.1(256)** as follows:

**281-84.1(256) Purpose.** National Board Certification (NBC) is available to teachers nationwide and requires candidates to demonstrate their teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. NBC teachers enhance the educational experience of their students and motivate fellow teachers towards excellence in classroom teaching. These rules implement the

two financial incentive pilot programs enacted by the Iowa legislature to increase the number of NBC teachers in Iowa

**NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.44, the financial incentives for NBC teachers are available only to teachers who registered for national board certification on or before December 31, 2007. Funds are available to honor the registration reimbursement in rule 84.3 and the annual awards in rule 84.4 for eligible individuals.**

**ITEM 2.** Amend subrule **281—84.3(1)** as follows:

**281-84.3(256) Registration fee reimbursement program.** If funds are appropriated by the Iowa legislature, the department shall administer a registration fee reimbursement program

**84.3(1) Eligibility.** Teachers seeking reimbursement shall apply to the department within one year of registration with NBPTS. Teachers eligible for the registration fee reimbursement program shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a to d. No change

e. The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration. The teacher must have registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007.

f. No change

**ITEM 3.** Amend subrule **281—84.4(1)** as follows:

**84.4(1) Eligibility.** Individuals In addition to having registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007, and achieving certification within NBPTS-established timelines and policies, individuals eligible for the NBC annual award shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a to h. No change